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*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Flockton Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure of submitting to you my Report on the Health of your District during the year 1907. I think I can assure you that at the end of the year the district was in a better condition than ever before. Very much remains to be done before we can say that we are satisfied ; and most of what remains to be done is in connection with the Milk Supply and with the question of Better Housing. Slowly but surely the houses are being got into a better sanitary state, and during the last year I think that we have got Common End into something like what it should be. I have been watchful over the village, and have begun with what appeared to be the worst places, and have taken it in sections. Most of the owners have met my requests very fairly and willingly, but there are still in hand a few cases of difficulty, but the difficulty lies in the nature of the case, and not in unwillingness to remedy. Such a lot of the property is old that often it is nearly impossible to suggest remedies which would not fall unreasonably heavily on the landlord. The great needs are—more bedroom accommodation, and more light and air in all the rooms, and where new Council houses are built we hope that the larger families will be considered first. I should like to see more small plots of land for sale for building, so that every man who is not properly housed may be able to build, and so be able to appreciate good sanitation. There is still a good deal of complaining about a rubbish-tip ; and my requests for ash-pit cleansing are still met with a request to know where to put the refuse, although a tip (not very convenient) has been provided. Closet accommodation is still rather less than desirable, but I hope to arrange that matters are relieved before long.

# Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1907 and Previous Years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.				Deaths of Residents registered in Public In- stitutions beyond the Dis- trict.	NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.	
		Number.	Rate.*	Under 1 year of Age.		At all Ages.			Number.	Rate*.
				Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births Registered.	Number.	Rate.*			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	11	12	13
1897	1240	36	28·8	6	166·6	17	13·6	0	17	13·6
1898	1250	29	23·2	5	172·4	18	14·4	0	18	14·4
1899	1250	34	26·1	3	88·2	20	13·3	0	20	13·3
1900	1250	39	30	9	230·7	23	17·6	0	23	17·6
1901	1250	41	33	4	97·5	12	9·6	0	12	9·6
1902	1260	42	32·3	8	190	14	10·7	0	14	10·7
1903	1265	42	33·3	5	119	13	10·2	1	14	11
1904	1265	35	27·6	1	28·5	15	11·8	0	15	11·8
1905	1270	34	26·7	7	205·8	28	22	0	28	22
1906	1280	41	32	4	97·5	22	17·1	1	23	17·2
Averages for years 1897- 1906.	1258	39·7	29·3	5·2	139·6	18·2	14	·2	18·4	14·1
1907	1285	45	35	11	211·4	21	18·6	0	21	18·6

\* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 1,065.

Total population at all ages, 1251

Number of inhabited houses, 265.

Average number of persons per house, 4·7.

} At Census of 1901.

Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District—None.

Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District—Workhouse Infirmary.

Is the Union Workhouse within the District?—No.

**Cases of Infectious Disease notified during 1907.**

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.						
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.					
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and up- wards.
Erysipelas ...	2				1	1	
Scarlet Fever ...	2			2			
Totals ...	4			2	1	1	

Isolation Hospital—Kirkburton Joint.



# Causes of, and Ages at, Deaths during Year 1907.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING IN OR BEYOND THE DISTRICT.						
	All Ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and up- wards.
Whooping Cough ...	1		1				
Diarrhœa...	1	1					
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ...	2					2	
Bronchitis ...	1	1					
Premature Birth ...	4	4					
Heart Diseases ...	2					1	1
Accidents ...	1					1	
Inquests ...	2	1				1	
All other causes ...	10	4	1			3	2
All causes ...	24	11	2			8	3

### Infantile Mortality during the year 1907.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	Total under 1 month	1-2 months.	4-5 months.	5-6 months	10-11 months.	Total Deaths under One Year.
All Causes ... ..	3	2	5	2	1	1	2	11
Diarrhœa, all forms ...					1			1
Premature Birth ...	2	1	3	1				4
Convulsions... ..	1	1	2	1			2	5
Bronchitis ... ..						1		1
Totals ... ..	3	2	5	2	1	1	2	11

District (or sub-division) of Flockton Urban. Population estimated to middle of 1907, 1,285.

Births in the year—Legitimate, 45 ; Illegitimate, 2.

Deaths in the year of Legitimate Infants, 11 ; Illegitimate Infants, 0.

Deaths from all causes at all ages, 24.

## FLOCKTON SANITARY DISTRICT.



### **Water Supply—**

Any development during 1907 ? None.

Has public supply been continuous ? Excepting 3 days for repairs.

Any complaint as to action on lead ? No.

### **Sewerage—**

Developments during 1907 ? No.

Developments still needed ? None.

### **Sewage Disposal—**

Any complaint as to outfall works ? No.

### **Scavenging—**

Performed by Owners.

Any inadequacy, and where ? Not sufficient to justify public Scavenging at present.

### **By-Laws—**

Any adopted or sanctioned during 1907 ? None.

### **Adoptive Acts---**

Any steps taken for the consideration, adoption, or application of : —

Notification of Births Act, 1907 ? None.

Other Adoptive Acts ? Dairies and Cowsheds.

### **Cowsheds—**

Any special inspection made during 1907 ? No.

Are measurements recorded ? No.

Are “ Rules for Milkers ” still exhibited in all cowsheds ? Yes.

Any action taken by outside Authorities, e g, under ‘ Milk Clauses ’ concerning milk supplied from this district ? No.



**Infectious Disease —**

What apparatus is available for disinfecting dwellings? None.

Any placards or handbills issued during 1907? Handbills on consumption distributed.

**Schools—**

Any ailment or contagious disease associated particularly with school-life during 1907? Whooping Cough and Chicken Pox.

Any action taken or needed regarding sanitary condition of schools? No.

**Midwives Act, 1902—**

Any information as to (A) the use of abortifacients? No.

(B) other malpractices? No.

**Dwellings—**

Number of Houses built during 1907?

Who sees plans? Council and Surveyor.

Any occupied houses unfit for habitation? No.

Any overcrowding of Persons in houses? Not markedly.

Any action taken under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts? Yes.  
Application for powers.

Is house to house inspection systematically made? Yes.

Are records kept? Yes.

**Infantile Mortality—**

What organised effort to control it? None.

Any suggestions for action? No.

**Prevention of Consumption —**

Any system of notification? Voluntary.

Any Sanitary Inspection of Patients' Houses? Yes.

Any Disinfection of ditto? No.

Any Distribution of Advice? Yes.

Any Action re spitting? No.

Any Disinfection of public rooms, vehicles, etc.? No.

**Nuisances—**

Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1906. One.

At close of 1907. Nil.

Reported during 1907. 4.

Abated during 1907. 4.

Total No. of Legal Notices served for Abatement of Nuisances during 1907? Two.

Total No. of Summonses or other Legal Proceedings? None.

No. of Sink wastes disconnected during 1907. Many.

No. of Closets newly constructed during 1907. Three.

No. of Closets reconstructed during 1907. Nil.

No. of House-drains tested? None.

**What action has been taken in regard to the following Matters --**

Seizures of Unsound Food. None.

Samples under Sale of Food and Drugs Act. None.

No. of Smoke observations taken. None.

No. of Allotments provided under the Acts or otherwise during 1907.  
Under consideration.

**Births during 1907—**

Males, 23. Females, 22. Total, 45.

Number Illegitimate, included in above, 2.

Number of Still Births (not included), 0.

**Deaths during 1907—**

(1) GROSS DEATHS, i.e., Total actually registered in the district, without any correction, 24.

(2) NETT DEATHS, on which the rates are calculated. Males, 16.  
Females, 8. Total, 24.

Number uncertified, included in the above, 0.

**Sanitary Requirements of District, and Suggestions of  
Medical Officer of Health—**

That Sanitary Inspector's Salary be increased, so that he may be able to devote more time to the work.

**Factories, Workshops, Workplaces, and Homeworkers'  
Premises—**

None in district.

